

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Q / 1. (Currently amended) A modular control panel for video apparatus which is in the form of at least an operating module (31) and a control module (32), the control module (32) having a first interface (37) for connection to a control panel (2) and at least a second interface (35) for connection of the operating module (31), and the operating module (31) having at least an interface (34) for connection to the control module (32).

2. (Currently amended) A The modular control panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the operating module (31) and control module (32) are arranged so that their interfaces can be directly connected.

3. (Currently amended) ~~An operating module (31) for a~~ The modular control panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the operating module (31) includes ~~as electronic components~~ a parallel-to-serial converter (SR) for serially outputting control component states and a demultiplexer (DEMUX) for driving display means.

4. (Currently amended) ~~An operating module~~ The modular control panel as claimed in claim 3, wherein an identification (ID) of the operating module (31) is output via the interface (34).

5. (Currently amended) ~~A control module for a~~ The modular control panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control module (32) further comprises an interface (37) for driving a video apparatus (1), a processor (μ P) and a memory (RAM, ROM) for generating control data, and a demultiplexer (DEMUX) for converting control component states which are present in serial form, as well as a parallel-to-serial converter (SR) for combining control data for display elements to a serial data stream.

--6. (New) A modular control panel for a video apparatus comprising:

an operating module having at least one interface and an identification code; and

a control module having a first interface for connection to a control panel and at least a second interface for connection to the at least one operating module interface, wherein said control module identifies the type and structure of the operating module using the identification code.--

Q' --7. (New) The modular control panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the operating module and control module are arranged so that their interfaces can be directly connected.--

--8. (New) The modular control panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the operating module further comprises:

a parallel-to-serial converter (SR) for serially outputting control component states; and

a demultiplexer (DEMUX) for driving display means.--

--9. (New) The modular control panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the control module further comprises:

an interface for driving the video apparatus;

a processor (μ P);

a memory (RAM, ROM) for generating control data;

a demultiplexer (DEMUX) for converting control component states which are present in serial form; and

a parallel-to-serial converter (SR) for combining control data for display elements to a serial data stream.--
